

The Daily Standard.

Monday, April 16, 1873.

Municipal Election.

The action of the Municipal Council in appointing the Mayor of the city to the office of Water Commissioner, has not only very much surprised everybody, but it has deprived the city of its executive head and the Council of one of its members. There is therefore a vacancy in the Municipal Government, and the important question which presents itself is, how is this vacancy to be filled? It will be recollected that the last Municipal election was held under special and peculiar circumstances. The Council which was elected under the provisions of the "Municipal Act, 1867," on the ninth of November last, some time in January following passed a resolution in accordance with the "Municipality Act, 1873," asking, on behalf of the inhabitants of the city, that the said Act of 1873 be applied to the city of Victoria; and in compliance with the said requisition the Lieutenant-Governor issued his Letters Patent, bearing the date of the 25th day of January, 1873, dissolving the then existing Council, and calling a new election of Councillors, which was held on the 11th day of February last. At that election every elector voted for seven candidates, the Letters Patent having virtually repealed the Act of 1867, under the provisions of which the city was divided into wards, and each ward entitled to elect two members. It is very clear that so far as the elections are concerned, the Letters Patent possessed but temporary effect, having reference only to the first election under the Act of 1873. The fifth clause of said Act is as follows: "The Letters Patent incorporating a Municipality shall specify the name, limits, extent, and nature of such Municipality, the number of the Municipal Council, what number shall form a quorum thereof, the time and manner of electing the first Council, the Returning Officer at the first election, the polling places, the day on which the Council shall first meet, and such other provisions as may be necessary for the establishment of such Municipality." It will therefore be observed that the Letters Patent had reference only to the first election under the Act of 1872, but if the power exercised by the Lieutenant Governor in setting aside the provisions of the Act of 1867, which required that the elections should be held in wards, and that the Municipal Assessment Roll should constitute the basis of the electoral franchise, and only those should be entitled to vote whose names were on that roll, and had paid all assessments due at the time of voting, then those provisions of the Act of 1867 are still inoperative, as neither the Governor nor the Municipal Council have taken any steps to provide for future contingencies or to revise those sections of the said Act so set aside by the Letters Patent. Clause 20 of the Act of 1872, says, "The Council of every Municipality shall divide the same into wards, and may, from time to time, alter such divisions so as to allow the different portions to be equally represented in the Council, on the basis of tax paying population." Now, although the statute makes it imperative for the Council, as one of its first acts, to divide the city into wards, they have disregarded that very important part of their duty, and how they are going to rectify it now without contravening one or other of the Municipal Acts, is a problem for the gentlemen of the Council to decide among themselves. They cannot hold an election under the Letters Patent, as they have already served the purpose for which they were intended, and are out of date; a ward election cannot be held, as the city has not been divided into wards, nor did Mr. Robinson represent any one ward more than another, every elector at the last election having cast his vote for the whole seven members; nor can the entire vote of the city be taken in the election of Mr. Robinson's successor, as that would be clearly without legal authority. "After the first Municipal election," says the Act of 1872, "any male person who is rated upon the assessment roll of the Municipality, and who has paid, not less than ten days previous to the time of the election, all municipal rates and taxes payable by him, shall be entitled to vote at municipal elections, in any ward in which he may be registered as a ratepayer." The first election took place on the 11th day of February last past, and only upon that one occasion could a candidate for municipal honors be elected by a general vote of all the ratepayers, as there is no authority in any one of the municipal statutes for any such a course of procedure. Save and except the first election, the assessment roll must determine who shall be entitled to vote, and unfortunately in this particular instance, there is no assessment roll that can be used for that purpose. The old roll was set aside by the Letters Patent, and was not used at the last election, nor can it now be used in an election to fill the vacancy occasioned by Mr. Robinson's resignation. It looks very much as if the Council have got themselves into a dilemma in this matter. They have left themselves without a head, and without the means of supplying one by any legal method, so far as we can see at present. In view of the very important duties devolving upon the Council, particularly in respect of the action about being taken in connection with the contemplated water works, it is much to be regretted that their very first act should be so wanting in discretion. We sincerely hope that this first step in a wrong direction may not prove to be the beginning of a series of blunders that will involve the city in a sea of troubles and the ratepayers in a needless burden of debt, with very little to show for it.

Canadian Manufacturers.—By last steamer a very large stock of Canadian Tweeds and Canada Clothings was sent by Turner, Bexton & Tunstall. The Tweeds are of excellent pattern and made of the purest wool. The clothing is very superior in cut and make and unsurpassed for durability.

New Advertisements.

Farm for Sale.

FOR SALE AT KAMIAHO, WHITE OR without Stock a farm comprising 500 acres of land—300 prairie, 100 under cultivation, and 200 ready for the plough. There is also on the farm one and a half acre of orchard, 1000 fruit trees, 1000 garden, 170 head of cattle, 4 horses, saddles, bridles, single and double harness, one wagon, two carts, ploughing machine, one chaffing machine, &c., &c. For further particulars, apply to

K. WALTER, Esq.

Wharf street, Victoria.

NICHOLAS & FRANCIS,

On the Farm.

HORSE RACES ON CORONATION DAY!

AT A MEETING of the Race Committee, held on Saturday, it was decided to postpone the Horse Races arranged for the 24th proximate until Monday, the 25th June, Coronation Day.

April 14

1873.

PEARSON'S

CARIBOO EXPRESS LINE

STAGES.

WILL LEAVE VICTORIA on Monday,

April 22, arriving at Barkerville on the

Saturday following, making

WEEKLY TRIPS.

And connecting with the steamers at Quesnel and Yale.

Passengers will require to leave Victoria by steamer

Enterprise on Friday of each week.

Treasure Shipped

And a general

Commission and Express Business Done.

E. PEARSON & SONS.

W. J. JEFFREE,

Agent, Victoria.

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CONCERT IN AID OF

CHRIST CHURCH BUILDING FUND,

1873 OF APRIL, 1873.

THE BOX OFFICE AT THE Theatre

will be open on WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst.,

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., when Reserved Seats can be

secured.

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Farm for Sale.

A GOOD FARM OF 600 ACRES, ALL

fenced, 400 acres comprise the best land in the

Province. It is situated on the

J. P. FITTER,

Red House, Yates street.

R. BUNNELL,

Government street.

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TRADE

LIQUOR SALE.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

Will Sell at Salesroom, Wharf St.

Tuesday, April 15th, 1873.

At 11 o'clock, A. M.

Wines & Liquors

Ales in wood & glass,

Champagne, Rum,

Old Tom, Brandies,

Clarets, and

California Wines.

By Order of the H. B. Co. to Close Shipment.

240 cases English Ale in Bond.

Also, Five cases.

Sample 60 cases Ind. Coop & Co. India Pale Ale.

Also, Nine hogsheads Marion Draught Ale.

One hogshead Worthington Burton Ale.

Also, 35 hogsheads Burton Pale Ale.

Also, 19 bbls. Burton on Trent Ale.

Also, 1 hogshead, sample of 10 Fine Old Rum.

Also, 1 hogshead, sample 7 casks, Tafia, St. Domingo Rum.

Also, 2 cases celebrated Pipafax Bitters Orates Genuine Seltzer Water.

California Wines in Casks:

Sautern, Geisenheimer,

Catoba, Neesteiner, Hock,

Mount Vineyard Cucamongo,

Sonoma White Wine.

These Wines have been in store over

five years, and are well worthy the attention of lovers of good wines.

Also, cases Assorted Wines,

Also, 70 cases Assorted Claret.

Also, 1 case Golden Eagle Bourbon Whiskey.

20 cases Assorted Champagnes.

Etc., Etc.

Also, Demijohns, half, one and two gals.

TERMS AT SALE.

AT 12 O'CLOCK SHARP,

50 Barrels Gostling's Celebrated.

PORLAND CEMENT.

ap14 J. P. Davies & Co., Auctioneers.

APPOINTMENTS.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

13th April, 1873.

It is hereby notified, for general information, that Gullane Makin, Sproat, Esq., of 4 Lime Street Square, London, was, towards the end of the year 1872, appointed Agent-General in England for the Province of British Columbia.

By Command,

JOHN ASH,

Provincial Secretary.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

13th April, 1873.

THIS Excellency the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

has been pleased to appoint CAPTAIN

Daveraux to be a Member of the Pilot Board

for British Columbia.

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G. F. DRABBLE, Chairman.

New Advertisements.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

Have received instructions from

Mrs. S. E. R. FRANCIS,

TO SELL BY

PUBLIC AUCTION,

At her Residence, Corner QUADRA

and FISGUARD Streets,

Wednesday, April 16th,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

All the Modern Furniture in

Drawing-room.

Fine Rosewood Suit, covered in Brock-

astle; Wet-Nots; handsome Brussels

Carpets; Looking-Glasses; handsome

Pictures; Lace and Damask Curtains and

Corsettes; Book Shelves; Rocking

Chairs; Blinds.

Bed-rooms.

Mahogany Bedstead, Bureaus, Wash-

stands, Carpets, Curtains, Matresses, Beds, Bedding.

Dining-room.

Oak Chairs, Tables, Knives, Forks, Spoons, Glassware, &c., &c.

Kitchen.

Large Cook Stove and Fittings, Chairs, Tables, &c., &c.

The hard finished house of 6

rooms and orchard in fine order—To Rent.

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